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Smithsonian Institution United States National Museum Washington, January 17, 1888

Hon. James P. Kimball Director of the U.S. Mint

Sir: -

I have been informed that occasionally fragments of meteorites are sent to the U.S. Assay Offices for examination, on the supposition that they are valuable ores. The study of these bodies is at this time recurring special attention at the hands of our Mineralogist, and since peculiar interest attaches to every new discovery, I must respectfully request that, of not at variance with the regulations of your Bureau, you will cause instructions to be given to Superintendents of Mints and other offices under your control to put this Institution in communication with the senders of such specimens, perhaps by notifying such persons that this Institution is studying and collecting meteoric material, and requesting them to send fragments for addition to the collection in the National Museum.

Hoping that it may prove practicable to grant this request.

I am, Sir, yours very respectfully, S.P. Langley Secretary

[Noted on back:]

Treasury Dept. Bureau of the Mint, January 25, 1888

Respectfully referred to the Supt. of the Mint, Philadelphia, who will please observe the wishes of the writer.

James P. Kimball Director of the Mint.

NARA RG104, Entry 1, Box 150

Treas'y Dept. Washington, D.C. January 25, 1888

James P. Kimball Director.

Sends letter from S.P. Langley Sec'y of Smithsonian Institution, relative to meteorites and requests instructions be given to Supt. of Mints etc., to put the Institution in communication with senders, etc.